

At a Glance

HISTORY Founded as Throop University in 1891 in Pasadena, California, and renamed the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in 1920.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Academic Divisions

- Biology & Biological Engineering
- Chemistry & Chemical Engineering
- Engineering & Applied Science
- Geological & Planetary Sciences
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Physics, Mathematics & Astronomy

28 academic options (programs)

FACULTY¹ Approximately 300 professorial faculty
More than 600 research scholars



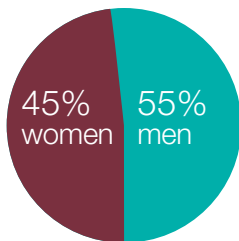
HONORS	Nobel Laureates ²	46
	National Medal of Science recipients ²	64
	National Medal of Technology and Innovation recipients ³	13
	Memberships in the National Academies ³	122

STUDENTS¹ 987 undergraduate students
1,410 graduate students

Top-Caliber Undergraduates

99% placed in top tenth of high-school graduating class

Class of 2025



- 13,026 applicants
- 270 members of freshman class

**self-identified sex*

The mission of the **California Institute of Technology** is to **expand human knowledge** and **benefit society** through research integrated with education. We investigate the most challenging, fundamental problems in **science and technology** in a singularly collegial, **interdisciplinary** atmosphere, while educating **outstanding students** to become creative members of society.

AFFORDING CALTECH

Students receiving need-based assistance

52%

Average need-based financial-aid package

\$55,957

Average indebtedness for class of 2021

\$16,787

LIVING ALUMNI

Over 24,000 in the U.S. and around the world

GLOBAL FACILITIES

Jet Propulsion Laboratory

- Founded by Caltech in the 1930s and managed for NASA since 1958
- Current missions include InSight, Mars Science Laboratory, Juno, Jason 3, and NuSTAR
- More than 100 research and mission collaborations with Caltech faculty

Caltech Seismological Laboratory

- Internationally recognized for excellence in geophysical research
- Provides research centers for seismic studies, high-performance computing, and mineral physics
- Preeminent source for earthquake information in Southern California and around the world

International Observatory Network

- W. M. Keck Observatory, Hawaii
- Palomar Observatory, California
- Caltech Submillimeter Observatory, Hawaii
- Owens Valley Radio Observatory, California
- Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO), Washington and Louisiana
- Chajnantor Observatory, Chile

EMPLOYEES

Caltech

3,500

JPL

6,500

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¹ 2021–22 academic year

² Faculty and alumni

³ Includes trustees

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